

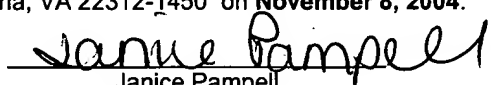
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| REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 07/06/2004 | Atty. Docket No. UTEX1100-3 |
| Applicant Kurt A. Schroder | |
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| Group Art Unit 3723 | Examiner Meislin, Debra S. |
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In response to the Official Action mailed July 6, 2004, Applicant requests and extension of one month (1) and a Notification of Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith. The extension of time is requested for the concurrent filing of a continuation application and preliminary amendment filed on Monday, November 8, 2004.

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